

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church Inventory Number: F-2-043

Address: 4519 A Mountville Road City: Frederick Zip Code: 21703

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Point of Rocks

Owner: George and Carol Wright 4519A Mountville Road, Frederick, MD 21703

Tax Parcel Number: 187 Tax Map Number: 93 Tax Account ID Number: 14-317910

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The current assessment was prepared on behalf of Duke Energy North America as part of cultural resources investigations to support the proposed construction of a power plant in southern Frederick County near Point of Rocks (Goodwin 2001). The assessment is based on previously existing documentation available at the Maryland Historical Trust confirmed by a reconnaissance survey of the property taken from the public right of way.

The Sunnyside Methodist Church is an example of a vernacular country church constructed in 1899 by an African-American community established by freed slaves after the Civil War. This building possesses the qualities of significance under Criteria A and C. It represents an important aspect of African-American history in Frederick County (Criterion A) and is a good example of a rural church (Criterion C) (Davis 1991).

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	

Reviewer: <u>Brian M. Smith</u> ✓	Date: <u>6/19/2002</u>
Office of Preservation Services	Date: <u>7/19/02</u>
Reviewer, NR program	Date: _____

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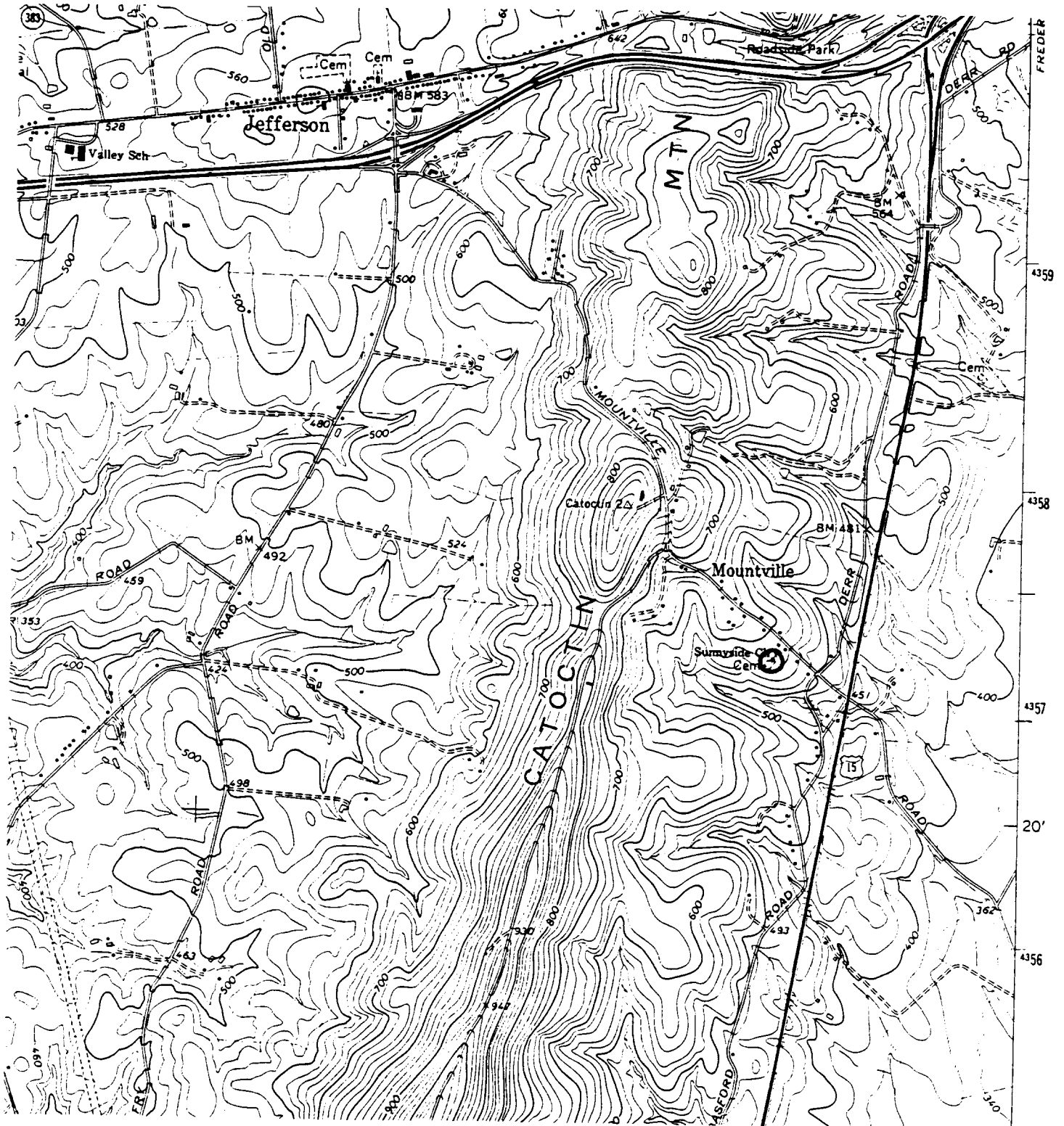
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Date Prepared: March 2002

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 Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church
 Mountville
 Frederick County, Maryland
 Point of Rocks USGS quadrangle map
 Scale 1:24,000





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Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church

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Ca. 1899

Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church

Jefferson, Maryland

Private

The Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church is a one-story frame hall plan church built in 1899 on the south side of Mountville Road in the village of Mountville. The village was settled after the Civil War by former slaves. The first church of 1885 was outgrown by the 1890's and the church members erected the present structure in 1899. It is a good example of a rural vernacular church of the late 19th century. Its central role in the black settlement's life is underscored by the placement of the Mountville School (F-2-44) of 1888 on the same lot.

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Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church
Jefferson
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Hardford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
Religion
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-2-43

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common Sunnyside United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number Mountville Road, south side, west of Basford Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Jefferson ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sunnyside Methodist Church

street & number Rt. 4 telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church is a one-story frame, hall plan church built in 1899 on the south side of Mountville Road west of Basford Road in the village of Mountville, near Jefferson in Frederick County, Maryland. The church is located about 30 yards off Mountville Road with a cemetery on its south and east sides and the Mountville Colored School (F-2-44) located at the north end of the one-acre lot on which the church stands. The principal elevation faces north with double doors and a small belfry over the north gable end of the building. The exterior is covered with german siding and the roof is standing seam metal.

The north elevation has no windows, but the entrance doors have a three-light transom. The doors are modern flush type. A single globe light is above the doors. At the northeast corner of the foundation is an inscribed stone which reads "Sunnyside M.E. Church, 1899". The east and west elevations have three bays each with Gothic arch windows of colored glass. The stone foundation is exposed on the side and rear elevations where the land slopes down to the south. A single brick chimney is located in the east slope of the roof. The south elevation has a projecting bay cantilevered over the foundation, lit by narrow 1/1 windows on the sides of the projection. A single door is located near the southwest corner the building.

The interior of the church was inaccessible for the survey. In 1974, the church was reported to have a wood stove and kerosene lamps which had been in use until the early 1950's and were retained for emergency use. (Jefferson, 1774-1974, p. 49.)

The cemetery contains headstones dated 1894 to the present. Some stones have been dislodged from their bases.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1899

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒A ☐B ☒C ☐D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐A ☐B ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F ☐G

Level of Significance: ☐national ☐state ☒local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church is a good example with little alteration of a rural vernacular church of the last quarter of the 19th century. It was reportedly built by members of the Sunnyside congregation to replace an 1885 building which became too small. The community of Sunnyside was settled following the Civil War by former slaves. By 1882, the settlement was large enough to support a post office, which was named Mountville, as was the main road from Jefferson, which had been originally known as Bridle Road. The church and the 1888 Mountville School (F-2-44) were the center of the village's life, as was customary in black settlements in Frederick County and elsewhere in Maryland.

The original charge included Sunnyside, Jefferson, Middletown, and Braddock Heights.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-43

Jefferson, 1774-1974, History Committee and Book Committee, Jefferson Ruritan Club, 1974, p. 14, 48-49.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1Quadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 93, parcel marked with + in Mountville village.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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